

AN ADDRESS

DELIVERED BEFORE THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

Fifth Annual Meeting.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen
of the Medical Society of the State :*

It was my purpose to make this communication to you at the last Annual Meeting in Fayetteville, but circumstances of a pressing nature prevented my attending that meeting ; and as I preferred reading to the Society, first of all, my remarks in reply to Dr. Satchwell's strictures upon my address, delivered here three years ago, it will be readily understood why they have not been made public before.

In that address, I emphatically stated that I was submitting for your consideration the chief evidence on which, against the early convictions of education, I was first led to doubt, and finally to reject, a doctrine sanctified by the lapse of ages, and supported by many great authorities in ancient and modern medicine. And being fully aware, that in these times, no proposition in medical philosophy is mooted which does not become a subject of controversy, where every statement is met by a plausible counter asser-